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SUBJ: SADAT CARRIES BANNER OF GREEN REVOLUTION TO  
- UPPER EGYPT

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1. PRESIDENT SADAT RESUMED HIS TOUR OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNORATES APRIL 10 WITH VISIT TO ABU SIMBEL. ON APRIL 13, HE MOVED TO ASWAN INSPECTING PROJECTS AND MEETING WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. EMPHASIS OF HIS STUDIES WITH THOSE OFFICIALS CONTINUES TO BE MOUNTING OF "GREEN REVOLUTION." IN ASWAN HE REVIEWED PLANS FOR SADAT CANAL WHICH WILL LINK LAKE NASSER WITH NEW VALLEY. NEW VALLEY IS FOCUS OF HIS GREEN REVOLUTION ON WIDELY REPORTED 3.5 MILLION FEDDANS OF RECOVERABLE LAND. SADAT ALSO TOOK TIME OUT TO DISTRIBUTE LAND OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATES TO SOME MEMBERS OF SADAT AGRICULTURAL COMPANY, NEWLY FORMED BY ETHNIC NUBIAN CITIZENS OF REGION TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF SHORES OF LAKE NASSER. HE INSTRUCTED HIS PRIME MINISTER TO ASSURE THAT GOVERNMENT FURNISHES CITIZENS ALL "NECESSARY ELEMENTS" TO ENABLE THEM TO DEVELOP THE LAKE

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NASSER LITTORAL. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PRESIDENT SADAT HAS WITH HIM OSMAN AHMAD OSMAN, FORMER MINISTER OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION AND MEMBER OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY FROM ISMAILIA. PRESS DESCRIBES OSMAN AS NEW SUPERVISOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE GOVERNORATES.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT, THROUGH FRONTPAGE PRESS TREATMENT,

IS KEEPING BEFORE PUBLIC NECESSITY OF EXPANDING EGYPT'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION TO MEET RISING DEMAND FOR FOOD BY GROWING POPULATION, AND THEREBY ALSO INDIRECTLY ADDRESSING RECENT CRITICISM OF GOE SUPPLY AND PRICE POLICY. CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT IS ANY MENTION OF FAMILY PLANNING TO ASSIST IN SOLVING PROBLEM. EGYPT'S PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS AT LAND RECLAMATION HAVE, AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT BEFORE, BEEN SPORADIC AT BEST AND THERE WILL HAVE TO BE RADICAL CHANGES IN ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES IF ANY FOLLOW THROUGH IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL. ONE BEGINS TO GET THE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT IS NOT IN TOUCH WITH REAL DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS HE IS DECREERING INTO EXISTENCE, NO MATTER HOW URGENT THEY ARE.

3. ANOTHER NOTEWORTHY ASPECT OF PRESIDENT'S TOUR IS APPARENT REHABILITATION OF OSMAN AHMAD OSMAN, FORMER MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION. OSMAN WAS EASED OUT OF CABINET IN AUGUST 1976, APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE WAS BELIEVED TO BE POLITICAL LIABILITY FOR SADAT. HE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED WITH SADAT THROUGHOUT MUCH OF CURRENT GOVERNORATE TOUR AND NOW IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING MORE OR LESS OFFICIAL TITLE NOTED ABOVE. IF THIS IS ACTUAL POSITION, IT WOULD MARK PUBLIC RETURN OF POWERFUL, BUT RECENTLY BEHIND-SCENES FIGURE IN SADAT REGIME. EILTS

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